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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN ZAIRE,
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Q: HAS THE U.S. MADE ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO GHANA, NIGERIA OR THE
SOVIET UNION OVER THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR VISIT TO GHANA?

A: THE DECISION OF WHICH COUNTRY TO VISIT IS UP TO THE COUNTRY
CONCERNED AND WE HAVE MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS TO ANY OF THOSE
COUNTRIES. WE DO REGRET THAT CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOUND IT
NECESSARY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THE VISIT BUT IT IS ENTIRE-

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LY UP TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA AND WE WILL NOT MAKE ANY

REPRESENTATIONS.

Q: COULD YOU SHARE YOUR VIEWS WITH US ABOUT WHY THE SOVIET UNION IS DETERMINED TO SABOTAGE YOUR VISIT TO BLACK AFRICA?

A: I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION IS DETERMINED TO SABOTAGE MY TRIP THROUGH BLACK AFRICA. MY TRIP THROUGH BLACK AFRICA IS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA WITH RESPECT TO THE ASPIRATIONS FOR MAJORITY RULE AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THIS POLICY WE PURSUE FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES AND OUT OF OUR OWN CONVICTIONS AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS THE CAPABILITY TO SABOTAGE THIS TRIP. I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED IN EVERY COUNTRY AND I BELIEVE THAT THE TRIP HAS STRENGTHENED THE BONDS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BLACK AFRICA WHICH WAS ITS PURPOSE, AND THIS CANNOT BE AFFECTED BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

Q: DO YOU HAVE PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S SUPPORT NOW FOR YOUR INITIATIVE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SMITH GOVERNMENT AND BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENTS?

A: I THINK MY FRIEND THE COMMISSIONER SHOULD REPLY TO THIS QUESTION. I HAVE THE IMPRESSION, AND THE COMMUNIQUE IN EFFECT EXPRESSES IT, THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU APPROVES OF THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF MY SPEECH IN LUSAKA AND I MUST SAY THAT I HAVE FOUND THE TALKS I HAVE HAD WITH THE PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS THE COMMISSIONER, EXTREMELY FRIENDLY, EXTREMELY CONSTRUCTIVE AND LEADING TO A STRENGTHENING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ZAIRE AND THE UNITED STATES. BUT PERHAPS THE COMMISSIONER COULD ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER NGUZA: THE REPLY TO THE QUESTION IS CONTAINED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. PRESIDENT MOBUTU CONGRATULATED DR. KISSINGER. IN THE COURSE OF OUR TALKS HE EXPRESSED HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED THE LUSAKA SPEECH, PARTICULARLY THOSE PARTS PERTAINING TO RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA. THE POSITION OF ZAIRE IS WELL KNOWN. WE STAND FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. WE WOULD WISH TO SEE IT COME INTO BEING AS PEACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE. WHERE WE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE DR. KISSINGER'S SPEECH IS IN THAT THE UNITED STATES REMOVES ALL HOPES FROM THE MINORITY IN RHODESIA THAT IT CAN WITH

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IMPUNITY CONTINUE TO SPURN THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY AND IT MUST WEIGHT VERY HEAVY IN THE BALANCE AND MUST BE ALSO A VERY STRONG POINT TO CONSIDER FROM THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BECAUSE IF STUBBORNNESS SHOULD SET IN THEN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD BE FORCED TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE THEIR RIGHTS THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLES.

Q: THE SMITHGOVERNMENT TODAY SAID IT WAS A SHAME YOU HADN'T VISITED RHODESIA BEFORE YOU MADE YOUR SPEECH IN LUSAKA. ARE

YOU WILLING, OR DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE
IN TRYING TO MEDIATE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN
RHODESIA?

A: I FIRST WANT TO COMPLETE MY TOUR THROUGH BLACK AFRICA AND THEN
RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AND REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT. IN
PRINCIPLE THE UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN SO
FAR AS THEY WOULD REQUEST IT TO BRING ABOUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
LUSAKA SPEECH, THAT IS TO SAY A RAPID ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE,
A GUARANTEE OF MINORITY RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IF THE
PARTIES ASKED US TO BE HELPFUL WE WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE THAT
VERY SERIOUSLY.

Q: THEN YOU ARE COMING BACK TO AFRICA?

A: I HAVE NO IMMEDIATE PLAN TO RETURN TO AFRICA NOR AM I SAYING
THAT I PERSONALLY WILL NECESSARILY BE THE PARTY THAT WILL
EXTEND THE GOOD OFFICES. WE NOW HAVE TO SEE WHAT RESPONSES
WE RECEIVE FROM THE VARIOUS PARTIES THAT ARE MOST CONCERNED.
SO FAR PRESIDENT KUANDA, IN THE NAME OF THE OTHER FOUR PRESIDENTS,
INDICATED SUPPORT FOR MY SPEECH. SO HAS PRESIDENT MOBUTU.
WE WILL NOW SEE WHAT REACTION WE WILL RECEIVE FROM THE COUNTRIES
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AFTER WE HAVE MADE VARIOUS APPROACHES TO
THEM BEFORE WE CAN DECIDE WHERE THE UNITED STATES CAN BE MOST
USEFUL.

Q: I KNOW YOU HAVE SAID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT YOU DO NOT WANT
TO TIP ONE AFRICAN BLOCK AGAINST ANOTHER. DOES IT NOT APPEAR THAT
THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, AT LEAST DIPLOMATICALLY, ARE

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FIGHTING FOR INFLUENCE IN AFRICA AS A WHOLE?

A: THE U.S. HAS STATED ITS POSITIONS IN TERMS WHICH WE BELIEVE CAN COMMAND THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF THE AFRICAN NATIONS. THIS IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. WE DO NOT WANT ANY AMERICAN BLOCKS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN AFRICA. IT IS UP TO THE SOVIET UNION TO SEE WHETHER IT WISHES TO BRING GREAT POWER POLITICS TO THIS CONTINENT. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF AFRICA IF THE GREAT POWERS DID NOT EXPLOIT THEIR REVALRIES INTO THIS CONTINET. THAT WILL BE OUR ATTITUDE. AS I SAID IN LUSAKA, IF ONE COUNTRY TRIES TO ESTABLISH HEGEMONY THEN INEVITABLY ANOTHER COUNTRY WILL RESPOND. THAT IS NOT OUR ATTITUDE AND WE HOPE THAT FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA IT CAN BE AVOIDED.

Q: WHAT WOULD BE THE REACTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HYPOTHESIS OF A RUSSIAN/CUBAN ACTION ON THE SIDE OF THE LIBERATION
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MOVEMENTS?

A: I HAVE THE IMPRESSION IN MY TRIP THROUGH BLACK AFRICA THAT NO AFRICAN COUNTRY WANTS THE INTERVENTION OF SOVIET/CUBAN FORCES IN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND THE UNITED STATES CERTAINLY SUPPORTS THIS ATTITUDE. I ALSO HOPE THAT THE POLICIES THAT WE ARE NOW PURSUING WILL LEAD TO A POSITIVE CONCLUSION.

Q: OUTSIDE OF THE ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST RHODESIA DOES YOUR COUNTRY CONTEMPLATE ANY OTHER MEASURE, AND AS A FOLLOW-UP ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ACCEPTANCE BY YOUR CONGRESS OF THOSE MEASURES AGAINST RHODESIA?

A: AS SOME OF YOU PRESENT KNOW I HAVE NOT ALWAYS PROVED TO BE THE BEST JUDGE OF WHAT THE CONGRESS WILL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN VARIOUS MESSAGES FROM WASHINGTON THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE OF PASSING THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. WITH RESPECT TO OTHER MEASURES YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THAT THE SPEECH THAT WAS

MADE IN LUSAKA YESTERDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF AN AMERICAN EFFORT, AND OTHER MEASURES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS TIME GOES ON, AND WE WILL HAVE TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.

Q: CONCERNING SOUTHERN AFRICA YOU HAVE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE ACCESSION OF THE BLACK MAJORITY TO POWER IN RHODESIA. DO YOU ALSO SUPPORT THE COMING TO POWER OF THE BLACK MAJORITY IN PRETORIA ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEM DOES NOT OCCUR IMMEDIATELY?

A: THE PROBLEM OF SOUTH AFRICA IS IN SOME RESPECTS DIFFERENT FROM THE PROBLEM OF RHODESIA IN THE SENSE THAT ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS AN AFRICAN COUNTRY, THAT THE WHITE SETTLERS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AFRICANS IN TRADITION. I STATED YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES OPPOSES THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INSTITUTIONLIZED SEPARATION OF THE RACES EXPRESSED IN THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AND THAT IT URGES THAT THIS LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONALIZED SEPARATION OF THE RACES BE ENDED AND THIS WILL HAVE ITS OWN POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES.

Q: CONCERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN ZAIRE AND THE UNITED STATES SOME FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS HAVE JUST NOW BEEN SIGNED. MAY WE UNCLASSIFIED

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LOOK BEYOND THESE AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE PERHAPS DICTATED BY THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES?

A: NEXT WEEK I AM CROSSING THIS CONTINENT AGAIN TO PUT FORWARD THE AMERICAN POSITION IN NAIROBI AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IN WHICH WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THAT HAVE CAUSED THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES FOR ZAIRE, PARTICULARLY THE RISE IN OIL PRICES AND THE FLUCTUATION IN COPPER PRICES. THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME COOPERATING WITH ZAIRE IN ITS IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY, BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE SOME FUDAMENTAL MEASURES THAT SHOLD BE TAKN BY THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IN ORDER TO PREVENT THESE FLUCTUATIONS THAT ARE THE BASIC CAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

Q: HAVE ANY OF THE PARTIES ASKED THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE YOU THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING ANY STOPS TO YOUR PRESENT ITINERARY FOR THIS TRIP?

A: NO, THRE HAS BEEN NO OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF THE PARTIES, OF COURSE THE LEADERS OF SEVERAL OF THE STATES THAT I HAVE VISITED, IN FACT ALL OF THE STATES THAT I HAVE VISITED, HAVE URGED THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE. WE HAVE HAD NO RESPONSES FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY UP TO NOW NOR DO WE EXPECT ANY. THERE IS NO PLAN TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL STOPES TO MY JOURNEY.

I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN NAIROBI TO SEE SEVERAL FOREIGN
MINISTERS, PERHAPS OF COUNTRIES THAT I HAVE NOT VISITED ON
THIS TRIP.

Q: AN AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE HAS SAID THAT THERE IS GREAT RISK TO
SEE AFRICA BECOMING THE NEW MIDDLE EAST. DO YOU CONSIDER THAT
THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS OR IS IT THE CASE,
AS PRESIDENT KUANDA HAS SAID, IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND RHODESIA
THE HOR OF ARMED COMBAT HAS COME?

A: I BELIEVE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATION STILL EXISTS.
EVEN IF ARMED COMBAT SHOULD HAVE STARTED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
ALL COMBAT EVENTUALLY MUST BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATIONS
AND THE MORE RAPIDLY NEGOTIATION IS ACHIEVED THE MORE LIVES
WILL BE SAVED AND THE MORE RAPIDLY THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MAJORITY
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AND THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE MINORITY WILL BE REALIZED.
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